The Glacier Explorer



Glacier National Park National Park Service U. S. Department of the Interior









Programs and Activities for August 18 through August 31, 2002

Join Us!

This guide lists a variety of ranger-led and other programs from easy walks and evening talks to all-day hikes. Please feel free to join us and explore Glacier in an interesting and exciting way.

Junior Rangers

Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badde. and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.

The Tonight Show - Glacier National Park Style

It's likely that you spend a late night or two at home, in front of the television watching Jay or Dave. You probably can't tune in tonight, but you could use your time at Glacier to join a ranger for one of the many evening programs offered throughout the park.

Just like Leno and Letterman, you will find park rangers putting on nightly programs that are informative, entertaining, and, well, provocative. Slide shows are featured at the St. Mary Visitor Center, Many Glacier Hotel, Lake McDonald Lodge, and Fish Creek Campground.

You will find traditional campfire talks at many park campgrounds - Apgar,
Avalanche, Two Medicine, Rising Sun, and Many Glacier. Each night features a different program and a different perspective on the features of Glacier National Park. So, turn off the tube and join us for an evening of entertainment, interesting stories, and some thought provoking ideas about why Glacier might be something more important than you thought. Programs are free and you don't have to stand in line for a ticket!



Boat Cruise & Hike



Glacier Park Boat Co. offers narrated scenic boat cruises at Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, and Two Medicine. In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2.5 mile, round-trip walk to Grinnell Lake. Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays - 2:00pm

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

This 2 1/4 hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. Daily - 1:00pm & 3:00pm

St. Mary Lake Cruise and Hike
Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock for a
cruise of St. Mary Lake and an optional
3 mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls.
Mondays & Fridays - 9:00am



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Glacier Natural History Association

Glacier's Native American programs and free publications are made possible with the generous financial support of the Glacier Natural History Association. Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Association.

This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year.

Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and St. Mary Visitor Centers; Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apaar Backcountry Permit Center. and the West Glacier Depot.

Glacier Natural History Association Box 310 West Glacier. MT 59936 Phone 406-888-5756 http://www.glacierassociation.org gnha@glacierassociation.org

The Glacier Institute

The Institute provides field classes, within Glacier National Park, examining cultural and natural resources, management policies, and research efforts. Highlights include programs on geology, bears, and wildflowers. Contact the Institute for more further information.

The Glacier Institute P.O. Box 7457 Kalispell. MT 59904 406-755-1211 glacinst@digisys.net

What to Bring Hiking!

Sturdy Foot Gear

For all but the very easiest of hikes, everyone should have sturdy foot gear. A good boot, with strong support, will help prevent ankle injuries.

Water

Bring water with you! The mountains can get very hot in the summer. Surface water in the park may be unsafe to drink.

are presented downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel.

All park visitors are invited.

Mosquito Repellent

Mosquitos and flies can be bothersome. Come prepared to meet some of Glacier's smaller wildlife species.

Sun Screen and a Hat

A day of hiking can expose you to more sun and UV rays than normal. Wear a hat. It will help keep you cool and you won't get a painful sunburn on your scalp!

Rain Gea

Weather can change quickly. Come prepared for summer showers.

Food and Snacks

Bring something to eat while you are in the backcountry. If you are on an all-day hike or a hike over the noon hour, you'll get mighty hungry without lunch.

Remember, if you pack it in, pack it out.

Children

Children are welcome on interpretive activities, but should always be accompanied by an adult.

Enthusiasm and a Spirit of Adventure

Glacier's rangers and concessioners will be guiding you to some incredible places. Come prepared to have a great time!

St. Mary - Rising Sun	SUN	MON	TUES	WED		FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES		THUR	FRI	SAT
Siyeh Pass Hike - Experience three life zones, views of glaciers, and reach over 8000 feet near Siyeh Pass. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, and rain gear. Wear sturdy hiking boots for the strenuous 1900-foot climb over the highest trail cass in the park. Meet at Sunrift Gorge at 8:30am to arrange a car shuttle to the trailhead. 10.5 miles (16.5 km) - 8 hours		8/19 8:30am	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23 8:30am	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30 8:30am	8/3
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike - Enjoy Glacier National Park's scenic beauty is you cruise up St. Mary Lake. You may take the optional 3 mile round-trip ranger guided hike to St. Mary Falls, and return on a later boat. Meet at the	&	2:00nm	9:00am &	&	&	2:00nm	9:00am & 2:00pm	&	2:00pm	&	9:00am &	&	2:00nm	9:00a &
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lountains, Meadows, and the Magic Forest – You may not see a gnome, ut you will experience open meadows, sweeping mountain vistas, a dark and systerious forest, and a picturesque pond. Explore this 3-mile loop trail which is ot often discovered by park visitors, but is a favorite of the local park rangers and their families. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station parking lot. miles (5km) - 3.5 hours	·	1:00pm	1:00pm	1:00pm										
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ising Sun Campfire – Join a Park Ranger around a campfire for stories and igh spirits as you discover the many meanings of Glacier National Park. 5 minutes	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm					7:30pm		
elebrate Glacier's Grandeur - Join a Park Ranger for an illustrated slide rogram at the St. Mary Visitor Center. Explore one of Glacier's inspiring stories and find your personal connections with the park. 45 minutes on Fridays join a Warden from Waterton Lakes National Park and explore the relationship of peace and cooperation between our two parks.		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00
Many Glacier	SUN	MON	TUES		THUR		SAT		MON		WED			
rinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike - View one of the largest glaciers in the ark on this strenuous all-day hike. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock. fee is charged for the boat. 8 miles (13km) - 8 hours ligh water may limit access to Grinell Glacier. Check at the Many Glacier			8/20 8:30am		8/22 8:30am	8/23 8:30am	8/24 8:30am	8/25 8:30am		8/27 8:30am		8/29 8:30am	8/30 8:30am	
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Lake McDonald	8/18	MON 8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	MON 8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31
Avalanche Lake Hike - Hike through mature red cedar and western hemlock to glimmering Avalanche Lake. Meet at the picnic area parking lot, across from Avalanche Campground. 4 miles (6.4km) - 3 1/2 hours	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am									
Lower McDonald Creek Stroll - Join us for a stroll through the forest to discover the diversity of a streamside environment. Meet at picnic tables behind the Apgar Visitor Center. 1.5 miles (2.4km) - 1 1/2 hours	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am
Rocky Point – Walk with us on the mostly level trail to an expansive viewpoint overlooking Lake McDonald. Meet at the amphitheater in Fish Creek Campground. 1.5 miles (2.4km) - 1 1/2 hours		8:15am			8:15am				8:15am			8:15am		
Gardening in Glacier - Join the staff of the Native Plant Nursery for this look at how plants are grown for use in revegetation projects. Meet in at the front steps of park headquarters. 1 1/2 hour			10:00am							10:00am				
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Sacred Dancing Cascades - This hike, through the cedar and hemlock forest, passes Johns Lake and crosses Sacred Dancing Cascades on McDonald Creek. Meet at the bridge on the Lake McDonald Ranger Station Road (first left 1.2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge). 2.5 miles (4km) - 2 1/4 hours		1:30pm		1:30pm					1:00pm		1:00pm		1:00pm	
Fire Recovery Walk – For a contrasting study in black and green, walk with a ranger through an area burned last September. Meet the ranger at the Huckleberry Nature Trail parking lot, just outside the entrance station on the Camas Road. 1 mile (1.6km) - 1 1/2 hours			2:00pm		2:00pm									
Lake McDonald Launch Tours - Cruise Lake McDonald and absorb a piece of Glacier's history, as the DeSmet plies the waters of one of Glacier's early day boat launch routes. Meet at the boat dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. A fee is charged for the one-hour boat ride.	&	&	3:30pm & 7:00pm	&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&	&
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program - Join a ranger at Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for this 45-minute evening slide program. All park visitors are invited to these free programs.	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pn
Fish Creek Evening Program - Evening slide programs are offered at Fish Creek Campground amphitheater. Join a ranger for these 45-minute programs.	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm	9:00pm
Two Medicine	SUN 8/18	MON 8/19	8/20	8/21		FRI 8/23	8/24	8/25	MON 8/26	TUES 8/27	WED 8/28	THUR 8/29	FRI 8/30	8/31
Dawson Pass Hike – This strenuous hike climbs 2450 feet through wind-swept alpine country to Dawson Pass and the spectacular Nyack Valley overlook. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock and cruise up Two Medicine Lake to the trailhead. A fee is charged for the boat cruise. 10.4 miles (16.6km) - 6 hours					9:00am							9:00am		
Two Medicine Lake Boat Trip and Hike - Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a naturalist for a gentle hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake, gaining 350 feet in elevation. Pause at beautiful Twin Falls and cross flower-filled meadows on your way to the lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat dock. Bring rain gear, water, insect repellent and lunch. A fee is charged for the boat ride. Return by a later boat. 4.4 miles (7.0km) - 5 hours				10:30am							10:30am			
Cobalt Lake Hike - Hike along the forested slopes of Sinopah Mountain, then climb into sub-alpine country, with its swift creeks and brilliant flowers to Cobalt Lake. Pause along the way at Rockwell Falls for lunch. You will gain 1400 feet. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. 11.4 miles (18.1km) - 7 hours			11:00am							11:00am				
Firebrand Pass Hike – Join a ranger to explore the southeast corner of the Park, and climb 1800 feet through 4 different life zones to Firebrand Pass. Learn about fire ecology on the way. Meet at the trailhead, on the north side of Hwy 2, at Mile Marker 203, 6 miles west of East Glacier. Maps are available at the Two Medicine Ranger Station. 10.6 miles (17km) - 6 hours		11:00am							11:00am					
No Name Lake Hike – This moderately strenuous hike takes you from the shores of Two Medicine Lake to the shores of No Name Lake, nestled beneath the sheer wall of Pumpelly Pillar. Stroll the gentle North Shore Trail, then climb steeply 850 feet to this bright blue, hidden lake. Meet at the bridge in the campground. 9 miles (14.4km) – 6 hours							11:00am							11:00ar
Medicine Grizzly Lake – This hike to Medicine Grizzly Lake will offer hikers an all-day, low elevation trail rarely experieinced. Pass through both forest and meadow as we gain 540 feet to the lake, nestled under Triple Divide Peak.						11:00am							11:00am	
Learn about grizzly ecology and legend along the way. Meet at the Cutbank Creek Campground, 5 miles off of Hwy 89. 12.4 miles (19.8 km) – 7 hours														
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Logan Pass

Visiting Logan Pass

No phone or food services are available at Logan Pass.

Alpine Talks

Throughout the day, park rangers provide interesting and informative programs on the alpine habitat of Logan Pass. Fifteenminute talks will be announced at the Visitor Center as they are offered.

Special Notes

Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00am and 3:00pm. To avoid crowds, plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon. The Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle and guided tour options stop at Logan Pass. They provide a valuable service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road.

Transportation Services

Glacier Park Inc. operates bus tours and the shuttle service. Contact them at: 406-892-2525

Sun Tours Inc. provides guided tour service through the park from a Blackfeet perspective. Contact them at: 406-226-9220









International Peace Park Hike -Despite temporary limitation, interpretive staffs from both the United States and Canada will offer a modified version of this important hike in celebration of peace and cooperation shared between the two countries. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite. Hike from Waterton to the international boundary where you will board a boat for the trip to Goat Haunt. The return trip to Waterton will also be by boat. There is a charge for the boat trips (\$18.00 Canadian for adults). We recommend purchasing boat tickets in advance as seats are limited. An additional trip may be offered during the week. Please check at a visitor center for date and time.

4.2 miles (7 km) - 5 1/2 hours Saturday - 10:00am

"Beyond the Border"

A U.S. National Park Service ranger will present this evening slide program program, in the Falls Theatre, Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen Avenue, one block north of the campground.

45 minutes

Friday - 8:30pm

Due to increased national security after the events of September 11, 2001, visitor use is limited at Goat Haunt. Changes in security procedures may eventually allow hiking across the international boundary. Check at the Waterton Information Centre or a Ranger Station for the current border status. Additional programs may be added as the situation allows.



Special Native American Programs

Native Reflections

Award-winning performing artist, and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage. Lake McDonald Lodge August 23 & 30 - 8:30pm

Native America Speaks

Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history

and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs. Apgar Campground Amphitheater August 19 & 26 - 8:00pm Many Glacier Campground Tuesdays - 7:30pm Two Medicine Campground Wednesdays - 7:30pm

Rising Sun Campground Thursdays - 7:30pm